

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for equity participation in Hydro Electric Power Projects being set up by the Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposals and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make the funds available to the State for hydel power generation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The proposal has been conveyed to the hydro sector Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs). The CPSUs execute hydro-electric projects located in different States through agreements/Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) entered into with the State(s) where the projects are located. It will be for the States where the projects are located and the concerned CPSUs to consider the request of the Government of Rajasthan while agreeing upon implementation agreements of new hydro projects being set up by CPSUs. The Government of India is keen to implement measures that would accelerate the development of hydro power.

(c) : The Government of India does not make any funds available to any State specifically for hydro power generation in the State sector. However, it sets up hydro power projects for the benefit of the States through its own Public Sector Undertakings or with equity participation of the States as joint ventures such as Tehri Hydro Power Development Corporation (THDC), Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (formerly Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation) and the Narmada Hydro-electric Development Corporation (NHDC).